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INFO FOR PAOS

1. HIGHLIGHTS. RECENT FRONT PAGES HAVE FEATURED DOMES-
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TIC ITEMS OR KISSINGER TALKS ON MIDEAST. SATURDAY NYTIMES
FRONTPAGED WASHINGTON STORY, US COMMUNITIES TO MEET
RUSSIAN OFFICIALS PROMOTING TRADE. COMMENT SCATTERED.

1A. FRIDAY PAPERS INSIDE REPORTED PRAVDA ASKING END TO DEADLOCK AT SALT, WASHPOST ALSO HAD ABRAMS CAUTIOUS ON DETENTE, ALSO NYTIMES HAD FINNEY, ABRAMS CITES INTELLIGENCE GAINED FROM SOVIET ARMS IN MIDEAST, STORY STRESSING SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT INCLUDES SURPRISINGLY EXTENSIVE MEANS OF DEFENDING AGAINST CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL AND RADIOLOGICAL ATTACK.

1B. SATURDAY NYTIMES INSIDE HAD RUSH DENIES NIXON SOVIET POLICY HAS FAILED. MONDAY WASHPOST MOSCOW AP REPORTED VOA CUT SOVIET COVERAGE, TUESDAY WASHPOST HAS KEOGH REPLY. TUESDAY PAPERS ALSO REPORT RUSSIA TO RENEW MISSILE TESTS; NYTIMES ADDS GROMYKO IN PARIS BACKS FRENCH STAND AT ENERGY

CONFERENCE.

2. SALT. FRIDAY NYTIMES MOSCOW SPECIAL REPORTED SOVIET UNION STEPPED UP ITS PRESSURE ON US TO MODERATE ITS POSITION FOR NEXT ROUND OF SALT, AN AUTHORITATIVE COMMENTARY IN PRAVDA CHARGING SCHLESINGER WITH WHIPPING UP ARMS RACE BY SPEAKING OF THREATS OF FUTURE SOVIET ARMS SUPERIORITY AND CONTENDING THAT HIS ARGUMENTS FOR INCREASED DEFENSE SPENDING CONTRADICT THE SPIRIT OF DETENTE AND NORMALIZATION. STORY ADDS PRAVDA CONTENDED THAT TO EXCLUDE FORWARD-BASED UNITS WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO GRANTING US A UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE UNACCEPTABLE TO SOVIET UNION, STORY SAYING THIS IS MOST FORCEFUL LANGUAGE MOSCOW HAS USED ON THIS POINT IN PUBLIC. STORY ADDS PRAVDA SAID IT WAS STILL QUITE FEASIBLE TO FULFILL NIXON-BREZHNEV PLEDGE TO SIGN NEW AGREEMENT THIS YEAR.

2A. FRIDAY BALTSUN MOSCOW SPECIAL ADDS PRAVDA ARTICLE SAID IT IS NECESSARY AT SALT TO FIND A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE FORM OF LIMITATIONS THAT TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION TOTAL COMPLEXITY OF THE DISCUSSED PROBLEM THAT WOULD EXCLUDE ANY POSSIBILITY OF ONE-SIDED ADVANTAGES BY EITHER OF THE COUNTRIES, BUT ARTICLE AVOIDED ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSAL OR UNCLASSIFIED

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ANY INDICATION OF MOSCOW'S WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE LIMITATIONS ON THE QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENT OF STRATEGIC WEAPONS. STORY NOTES LACK OF PROGRESS DURING PAST YEAR AND HALF, ADDING RECENT SOVIET COMMENTATORS HAVE CRITICIZED PROPOSALS IN US TO REDESIGN AMERICAN STRATEGIC POSTURE, STARTING WITH ASSIGNMENTS OF NEW TARGETS TO AMERICAN MISSILES AND LEADING TO A CAPABILITY OF LAUNCHING A NUCLEAR COUNTER-ATTACK ON MILITARY FACILITIES AS WELL AS CITIES, PRAVDA ALSO STATING THERE ARE PEOPLE IN US WHO STILL THINK IN TERMS OF COLD WAR.

2B. TUESDAY BALTSUN AP MOSCOW, REPORTS SOVIET UNION SAID IT WILL BEGIN NEW TESTS IN PACIFIC TODAY OF MISSILE

THAT WESTERN EXPERTS BELIEVE CAN CARRY WARHEADS TO HIT SEVERAL TARGETS. SALT RESUMES IN GENEVA ON SAME DAY AND WESTERN EXPERTS CONSIDERED TIMING TO BE DELIBERATE TO AFFECT NEGOTIATIONS. TASS SAID TESTS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN NORTH PACIFIC AND CONTINUE THROUGH MARCH 10. TUESDAY WASHPOST MOSCOW BRIEF REPORTS SOVIET ICBM TESTS PRESUMED BY WESTERN EXPERTS TO BE CONTINUATION OF SOVIET EXPERIMENTS TO PERFECT MIRUS. ARTICLE ADDS SOVIET AND AMERICAN NEGOTIATORS MET INFORMALLY IN GENEVA YESTERDAY AS JOHNSON CALLED ON SEMENOV IN WHAT US OFFICIALS DESCRIBED AS COURTESY VISIT. TWO MEN WILL MEET OFFICIALLY

TODAY FOR 51ST SESSION IN SECOND ROUND OF SALT.

2C. MONDAY WASHSTAR HAD EDITORIAL ON OUTLOOK FOR NEXT ROUND OF SALT LEAVE, TO SAY THE LEAST, SOMETHING TO BE DESIRED, NOTING THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES SEEM UPSET ABOUT SCHLESINGER ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW STRATEGIC PLANNING AND BRUSH ASIDE SCHLESINGER'S ARGUMENT THAT SOVIET UNION IS PUSHING ITS OWN BUILDUP OF LAND-BASED AND SUBMARINE MISSILE FORCES. STAR ALSO NOTES RUSSIANS ARE AS DETERMINED AS EVER TO INCLUDE ALL LAND AND CARRIER-BASED TACTICAL AIRCRAFT IN EUROPE AND PACIFIC AS PART OF AMERICAN STRATEGIC FORCE. EDITORIAL SAYS IT IS IN SOVIET NATIONAL INTEREST FOR AMERICANS TO FORGET ALL ABOUT BALANCE OF STRATEGIC NUCLEAR FORCES AND PUT THEIR TRUST IN SPIRIT OF DETENTE AND BENIGN INTENTIONS OF RUSSIAN
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LEADERS; ONE HOPES THAT AMERICAN NEGOTIATORS AT SALT SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY, EDITORIAL CONCLUDED.

2D. TUESDAY NOONSTAR HAS GENEVA UPI REPORTING DIPLOMATS WENT BACK TO NEGOTIATING TABLE TODAY IN DRIVE TO WORK OUT PERMANENT AGREEMENT BY END OF YEAR ON LIMITING NUCLEAR ARMS RACE, AS JOHNSON SEMENOV AGREED TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS AFTER THREE-MONTH LULL. DESPITE NIXON-BREZHNEV AGREEMENT, SAYS UPI, WESTERN OFFICIALS SAID IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO REACH A PERMANENT ACCORD ON RESTRICTING NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN SUCH A SHORT TIME, SAYING USSR IS TESTING MIRVS WHILE US IS EMBARKING ON NEW NUCLEAR RESEARCH, INCLUDING PLANS FOR SMALL, MISSILE-FIRING SUBMARINES. UPI SAYS NEW TEST SERIES UNDERSCORES MOSCOW'S DETERMINATION TO PUSH ITS MISSILE DEVELOPMENT AHEAD OF ANY POSSIBLE NEW AGREEMENT WHICH NIXON WOULD WANT TO CLINCH WHEN HE VISITS RUSSIA PROBABLY IN JUNE.

3. RUSSIAN RELATIONS. FRIDAY WASHPOST LOCAL AP STRESSED ARMY'S CHIEF OF STAFF CAUTIONED CONGRESS NOT TO LET DETENTE WITH RUSSIA SOFTEN THE US DEFENSE POSTURE, ABRAMS TELLING HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE; DETENTE MAY LAST BUT ON OTHER HAND IT CAN FADE OVERNIGHT; AMERICAN STRENGTH

MADE DETENTE ATTAINABLE AND IT IS HARD TO SEE IT CONTINUING UNLESS WE MAINTAIN THAT STRENGTH. ARGUING AGAINST POST-VIETNAM TROOP REDUCTIONS, SAID AP, ABRAMS SAID THE NATION HAD THREE TIMES IN HIS MILITARY CAREER PAID THE PRICE OF ANOTHER WAR, FOLLOWING MILITARY REDUCTIONS AFTER WORLD WARS I AND II AND KOREA.

3A. SATURDAY NYTIMES CUMMINGS LOCAL REPORTED RUSH TOLD CONFERENCE OF 31 MAJOR AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS THAT MOSCOW'S EXPULSION OF SOLZHENITSYN IN NO WAY REPRESENTED A FAILURE OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S POLICY OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH THE RUSSIANS AS A MEANS OF INFLUENCING THEIR TREATMENT OF SOVIET JEWS. RUSH ASSURED ORGANIZATIONS THAT ADMINISTRATION SHARES THEIR OBJECTIVE OF UNRESTRICTED EMIGRATION FOR SOVIET JEWS AND WHERE THEY DIFFERED IS SIMPLY A MATTER OF TACTICS, SAYING: WE BELIEVE THAT IN LONG RUN GREATER TRADE AND CLOSER ECONOMIC RELATIONS WILL BE A FAR MORE EFFECTIVE LIBERALIZING INFLUENCE.
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ENCE THAN CONTINUED ISOLATION AND LACK OF CONTACT, RUSH ADDING THAT EMIGRATION HAS RISEN FROM 400 IN 1968 BEFORE NIXON'S ELECTION TO 33,500 LAST YEAR. STORY ADDS RUSH ALSO DISCUSSED QUESTION RAISED BY UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF AMERICA CONCERNING DEGREE OF FUTURE RELIANCE ON EUROPEAN ALLIES AND CONTINUED PRESENCE OF AMERICAN TROOPS IN EUROPE, SAYING ADMINISTRATION HELD THAT THE ALLIANCES, BOTH MILITARY AND ECONOMIC, SHOULD NOT ONLY BE MAINTAINED BUT STRENGTHENED, AS NEXUS BETWEEN DEFENSE, MONEY, TRADE AND NOW ENERGY. THE POLICY, SAID RUSH, IS NOT A PRESCRIPTION FOR BLACKMAIL, IT IS SIMPLY A FACT OF LIFE, ACCORDING CUMMINGS.

3B. MONDAY WASHPOST MOSCOW AP REPORTED A US GOVERNMENT STUDY TENDS TO CONFIRM ALLEGATIONS BY RUSSIAN DISSIDENTS THAT AFTER END OF RUSSIAN JAMMING VOA CURTAILED ITS COVERAGE OF SOVIET AFFAIRS TO PROTECT DETENTE. TUESDAY WASHPOST REPORTS KEOGH'S STATEMENT THAT STORY IS AN IRRESPONSIBLE DISTORTION AND MISINTERPRETATION OF THE STUDY AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN VOA POSITION SINCE END OF JAMMING--NO DEALS BETWEEN SOVIET AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS.

4. NEWSWEEK. PERISCOPE HAS PARA HEADED, KISSINGER CRACKS THE WHIP, PARA SAYING KISSINGER HAS HAD TO DISOWN HIS OWN GOVERNMENT'S ARMS-CONTROL CHIEF, DR. FRED IKLE, WHO IN RECENT INTERVIEW PROPOSED THAT US AND RUSSIA PHASE OUT ALL LAND-BASED MISSILES AND KEEP ONLY THEIR SUBMARINE-BASED WEAPONS. KISSINGER CABLED HIS NEGOTIATORS AT THE GENEVA SALT TWO TALKS TO SAY THAT IKLE'S COMMENT DID QUOTE NOT REPRESENT OFFICIAL ESTABLISHED US POLICY UNQUOTE.

4A. NEWSWEEK HAS ARTICLE ENTITLED DETENTE; END OF ILLU-
SIONS, WHICH MENTIONS BREZHNEV'S SUMMIT JOURNEY TO US IN
1973 AND SAYING NOW SAME BREZHNEV IN A GESTURE RICH IN

CONTEMPT FOR THE OPINION OF AMERICANS AND MOST OF MANKIND,
EXPELLED SOLZHENITSYN WHICH INEVITABLY SPARKED FRESH DE-
BATE IN US OVER WISDOM AND MORALITY OF PURSUING POLICY
OF DETENTE WITH SOVIETS, ARTICLE ADDING THAT EVEN THOSE
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PRAGMATISTS WHO BELIEVE DETENTE IS VITALLY NECESSARY IF
WORLD IS TO AVOID NUCLEAR DESTRUCTION REALIZE THAT AMERICA
FACES A MAJOR DILEMMA. ARTICLE SAYS NIXON-KISSINGER PUR-
POSE HAS BEEN TO WEAVE FABRIC OF INTER-RELATIONSHIPS
THAT WOULD BIND EACH NATION TO OTHER AND THAW OUT COLD
WAR FOR GOOD, YET DESPITE AN IMPRESSIVE ARRAY OF ACCORDS
ON EVERYTHING FROM CANCER RESEARCH TO SEABEDS EX-
PLORATION THAT GOAL IS ONLY PARTLY ACHIEVED, AND US USSR
ARE AT LOGGERHEADS ON A WHOLE SERIES OF VITAL ISSUES. IN
AREA OF STRATEGIC WEAPONRY, SAYS ARTICLE, SOVIETS HAVE MADE
SUCH DRAMATIC STRIDES WITH MIRVS THAT THIS NOW THREATENS
TO UNDERMINE THE 1972 SALT ACCORD, AND AT BARGAINING RE-
SUMING THIS WEEK SOVIET NEGOTIATORS CAN BE EXPECTED
TO INSIST ON MAINTAINING A NUMERICAL LEAD IN OFFENSIVE
MISSILES--AS OPPOSED TO WARHEADS--AND THEY ARE USING
CURRENT TALKS ON EAST-WEST FORCE REDUCTIONS IN EUROPE TO
ENSURE A CONTINUING MILITARY ADVANTAGE ON THE CONTINENT,
AND IN ADDITION SOME US OFFICIALS ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT
MOSCOW FAILED TO WARN WASHINGTON LAST AUTUMN OF IMPENDING
ARAB ATTACKS ON ISRAEL, IN VIEW OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT
CALLING FOR CONSULTATIONS TO DAMP DOWN POTENTIAL CRISES.
ALSO COMMUNISTS SHOW SIGNS OF GOING BACK ON THEIR 1971
BERLIN GUARANTEE OF WESTERN ACCESS TO WEST BERLIN. ALSO
SOME CRITICS FEAR DETENTE HAS BENEFITTED SOVIET ECONOMY
AT US EXPENSE, ARTICLE CITING WHEAT DEAL AND ALSO MAIN-
TAINING US TECHNICAL INPUT INTO AGREEMENT FOR SPACE LINK-
UP IN 1975 IS SO FAR SUPERIOR TO SOVIET INPUT THAT AT
HOUSTON PROJECT IS CALLED GREAT WHEAT DEAL IN THE SKY.
ARTICLE ADDS NEVERTHELESS DETENTE ACHIEVEMENTS ARE REAL:
SEVENFOLD INCREASE IN TRADE, HELP IN ENDING VIETNAM AND
PREVENTING ESCALATION IN MIDEAST, ALSO CITING RUSH STATE-
MENT ON CLOSER ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND LIBERALIZATION. A
US DIPLOMAT IN RUSSIA IS QUOTED: US CAN'T LAY DOWN CONDI-
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